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TOWN TOPICS.

PUBLIC MATTERS THAT ARE INTERESTING THE CITIZENS.

Division in Brookdale Over Trolley Route—A Movement Against Tax Exemptions—Real Estate Men' Opportunity.

There appears to be a diversion of opinion in the Second Ward over the route of the proposed extension of the Crosstown street railway. James M. Walker and others have been working in the interest of the extension of the railway along Broad street, while Charles Ashley and others want the extension carried along Myrtle avenue. It would be a good thing of course if each of the two streets were equipped with trolley lines, as there is ample territory to develop. The Myrtle avenue line would be a direct route to Passaic.

The Public Service Corporation will doubtless accept franchises, and as a matter of fact there need be no conflict or jealousy between the advocates of the respective routes.

The Lackawanna Railroad Company may get a contribution from the city of East Orange towards defraying the cost of railroad improvements in East Orange, but it will likely be with the proviso that the railroad company provides the city with right-of-way for a storm water sewer and the construction of such a sewer be made a part of the plans for railway improvement. The storm water sewer problem is one that is going to confront the government of this town in the near future, and permanent and effective plans for taking care of storm water must be provided. The East Orange scheme will be a good one to keep in mind when co-operation with the railroad is asked for here.

The bill now before the Legislature providing for the payment of taxes by one municipality to another for bonds owned by one municipality in the territory of another is a step towards reducing the vast amount of exempt property now carried on municipal tax books. The township of Verona, which is now largely encumbered with Newark city and county institutions, would benefit from the bill if it became a law. This town would also gain some revenue from it.

The bureau of information established by the Suburban Homes Committee of the Board of Trade ought to prove of great advantage to real estate dealers. The suburban homes committee advertises the residential advantages of Bloomfield in New York and Brooklyn papers and distributes the booklet prepared under the auspices of the Board of Trade. All letters of inquiry about houses and lots received by the committee are placed in a box in the office of the Bloomfield Coal and Supply Company where they can be read by all who are interested in the selling or renting of property.

The abandonment of a long established railway station is a serious matter to the general public. The Lackawanna Railroad Company has contemplated changes of stations in mind in its plan of improvements. The station at Watsessing avenue in this town is threatened with removal.

The moving of two stations in East Orange is also threatened, and a citizen of that city thus expresses his views on the subject: "The proposition to combine the two stations into one, distant from both is manifestly unjust. The residents in the neighborhood of the two stations have bought and built their homes because of the proximity of these stations. So have the business men located their places of business for the same good reason. And to change the stations will entail hardships that the railroad has no business to exact. The Brick Church station has the largest commuter colony of any station on the road. The reason for its proposed removal is simply to do away with the expense of one station regardless of the hardships and inconvenience and loss to its patrons."

Narrow Escape.

A well-dressed young woman presumably a school teacher, but whose name could not be ascertained, had a narrow escape from death at the Glenwood avenue station of the Lackawanna Railroad on Wednesday afternoon. She attempted to board the 4.04 eastbound train as it was leaving the station. In one hand she held some papers and a bundle, while with the other she seized the handrail of the passenger car ahead of the smoker. She swung to and fro for a few moments and dropped her bundle and papers. A brakeman seized her and tried to pull her on the platform. He could not, and as she fell back he jumped and pulled the bell rope, bringing the train to a stop. The woman, after gathering up her bundle and papers, got aboard the train. She did not seem to be in the least disturbed over the ordeal she had passed through.

Fortnightly Club.

On Friday evening of last week the members of the Fortnightly Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Spinning in Osborne street. Games, dancing and refreshments were the features of the evening's enjoyment. Mr. George Worthington, on behalf of the club, presented Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin with a set of olive dishes. The presentation was accompanied by a very happy speech on the part of Mr. Worthington.

Borough Council.

The Glen Ridge Borough Council met Monday night in its new quarters in the Glen Ridge Hall for the first time. The chambers are large and well lighted, and are a great improvement over the place formerly used by the Council in the firehouse in Herman street, that borough. The Council authorized the clerk to procure a large bulletin board and to have it placed in front of the hall for the use of the Council and the residents of the borough. The Mayor said that the matter of placing a bulletin board in front of the hall was suggested to him by Mrs. Charles T. Dodd, president of the Glen Ridge Woman's Club. There being no newspaper printed in the borough the bulletin board seemed a necessity. The residents of the borough are to have the use of the board to post announcements, lost and found, etc., but all notices must be submitted to the borough clerk before being posted.

A. H. Hazeltine asked the Council to extend the water main through Marsden place from Douglas road to the Montclair line. He said that he had had an interview with the Orange Water Company on the matter, and that the company had refused to make the extension unless the Council ordered the placing of a fire hydrant. The matter was referred to the water committee.

A communication from the Village Trustees of South Orange was read by the clerk, requesting the co-operation of the Borough Council in urging the repeal of the law abolishing spring elections. The communication was ordered filed.

Collector F. S. Benson reported that he had received the deed for the Nicastro property, which had been condemned by the assessment commissioners for the widening of Baldwin street and for park purposes.

The street and road committee was authorized to purchase broken stone and clay for the repair of roads.

A communication from the members of the police force asking for one day off duty each month was granted on recommendation of Councilman Skiel, chairman of the police committee.

It was decided to send a thirty-day notice to all property owners in front of whose property the sidewalk was out of repair, to have the same repaired within that time, or the Council would have the work done, and the amount, with interest, charged against the property and added to the next tax bill.

The Mayor, for Councilman White, who was absent, reported that the electric light matters were progressing as fast as possible. He also recommended for Mr. White, of the law and franchise committee, that the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company be granted an extension of sixty days from April 1 in which to remove all poles in Ridgewood and Bloomfield avenues, within the borough limits.

The following ordinances were read a third time and passed: For the extension of the sewer in Forest avenue from where it now ends to Bay avenue; for the building of a sewer in Marsden place from Douglass road to the Montclair line; for laying a stone sidewalk on the east side of Forest avenue from where it now ends north to Bay avenue.

An ordinance was introduced for the laying of a stone sidewalk on the west side of Douglass road south from where it now ends.

Y. M. R. C. Minstrels.

H. Preston Bowron will act as interlocutor at the minstrel show of the Young Men's Republican Club next month. Addison Rubaud and Eugene Le Roy Cadmus will play the tambourines, and George Cook and Harry N. Reeves will manipulate the bones. In the circle will be Norman W. Biggart, William Cadmus, Henry Atkinson, James Scherer, Rowland Travis, Howard Fairbanks, Clement Camp, Frederick Bertstecher, Oliver Gourley and Walker Veazey, the boy soprano. A political sketch in which local officeholders and others will be caricatured will be a feature.

Shot a Mad Dog.

Policeman Charles Durning shot a supposed mad dog at Belleville avenue and State street Tuesday morning. The animal was frothing at the mouth and created considerable excitement in the neighborhood by its antics. Several persons had narrow escapes from being bitten by the animal, which was of the brindle bull species.

Base-ball.

The base-ball committee of the Catholic Lyceum met Monday night and signed William Durning and Charles Havens as pitchers; Gillum, first base; Wiley, short-stop; Edward O'Neil, third base, and Morrison, left field. There are twelve other men being considered for positions on the team. John A. Moran is secretary of the club, and he lives at 10 State street. Jerry Davis is manager.

W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a parlor meeting at the home of Rev. Dr. Woodruff, 20 Park street, Tuesday afternoon, March 20, at 3 o'clock; Mrs. E. Bourne, State President, will address the meeting. All ladies of Bloomfield are cordially invited to attend.

PROTECT your securities and valuable papers against FIRE and BURGLARS by renting a box in the Safe Deposit Vaults of The Bloomfield National Bank. Boxes to rent at $4.00 per year and upwards.—Adv.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Plans for Several New Buildings and a Number of Real Estate Developments Under Way—Prospects for an Extensive Building Boom in Sight.

L. Jerome Almar, architect, 39 Broad street, is building a double dwelling house, with all improvements, at the corner of Essex avenue and Baldwin street. The owner is M. Henry Kohlman. It is estimated that the building will cost about $5,500 when completed. Ground was broken this week for the erection of a dwelling for Peter Leibrock on Park avenue after plans drawn by Mr. Almar. The owner is going to spend about $3,500 in building an up-to-date dwelling. Plans and specifications have been completed for the building of a store and apartment on Broad street for Dr. Joseph O. Salle, the druggist. The contracts have not yet been let. The cost of the work will be $4,500. Mr. Almar is preparing plans for a residence for B. B. Hulin, to be erected on Benson street; a residence for Lombard Brown at Soho Park; a store and a flat for Charles Spenl on Orange street. The plans for the building of two double houses on Essex avenue are nearing completion. The owner is John Lohse, and the cost is $5,500.—*Commerce and Finance.*

The Northern Realty Company, which has purchased a tract of property from the city of East Orange between Prospect street and Glenwood avenue, has placed an order for blue stone for a flag walk fronting its property, and has also petitioned for a sewer in Glenwood avenue from the East Orange line to Prospect street.

When the Board of Assessors in 1904 increased the assessment on some farm land in the south end of the town from $600 to $1,000 per acre, it was thought to be too much of a raise. Since that time $20,000 has been asked for a nine-acre plot of the same property.

It is rumored that the Essex County Brewing Company, owners of the property at Broad street and Watchung avenue, in the Brookdale section of the town, intend to erect a number of houses on the property, which will be leased or sold to Italians who are anxious to locate in Brookdale and engage in truck farming. It is said that about thirty houses will be built by the company. The rumor has caused some talk among the farmers, who are not desirous of having an Italian colony located in their midst. There is a hotel building on the corner of the two thoroughfares, and for some time an effort has been made each year to obtain a license to sell liquor there. Each time the application has been made it has been refused. Despairing of getting a license the owners have decided to cut the land up into building lots.

Fight Over Park Bill.

At the close of the session of the House Tuesday night the Essex delegation met a committee from the Riverside Park Association and talked over with them Mr. Kayser's bill authorizing the establishment of a park in the Fifth and Twelfth wards. The committee was composed of George W. Wiedenmayer, Royal L. Meleady, James M. Reilly and Tax Commissioner John Howe.

The committee wanted the delegation to consent to having the bill sent back to the Committee on Public Health, so that it could be put into the shape it was in when it was originally introduced. It then provided for the issue of bonds to the amount of $200,000 for the purposes of establishing the park. Mr. Serbe, who champions a park for Irvington, had another $200,000 tacked on for that purpose, and Mr. Underwood, who thinks a park should be located in Bloomfield, had $100,000 more added on, so that the amount of bonds now provided for in the bill is $500,000.

Mr. Serbe and Mr. Underwood both strenuously objected to the proposition to have the bill sent back to the committee.

The discussion at times became highly animated. Mr. Martin said that the Assemblymen from Essex had pledged themselves to a park in the Fifth and Twelfth wards, and they should keep their pledges. The conference, however, broke up at a late hour without accomplishing anything.

Death of William Milner.

William Milner, sixty-five years old, a veteran of the civil war, and who resided in Boonton, Morris county, for nearly half a century, but who for the past year has been living in this town, died at the home of his son, William J. Milner, 385 Bloomfield avenue, on Friday night of last week from paralysis. He was stricken three weeks ago. Mr. Milner was born in Tipton, England, but came to this country when a boy, and settled in Boonton. When the civil war broke out he enlisted in Company K, First Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, becoming a lieutenant. He was wounded in the battle of Cold Harbor. For eighteen years he was employed in the Public Stores in New York, but retired about two years ago. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at St. John's Episcopal Church, Boonton, and interment was made in the cemetery of that town.

Illustrated Lecture.

Mr. Charles F. Kocher will give an illustrated lecture on "Cuba and Florida," Friday, March 23, at school No. 3, or Brookside. Mr. Kocher has within the last few weeks visited both Cuba and Florida. He is an interesting lecturer, and the illustrations he uses are made from photographs taken by himself.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

In Glen Ridge Over School Matters. South End People Want a Primary School—Interesting Time Promised at the Annual School Meeting on Tuesday Night.

There appears to be some difference of opinion in the borough of Glen Ridge. The annual school meeting will be held Tuesday night, when the citizens of the borough will act on the recommendation of the Board of Education to the effect that school bonds to the amount of $35,000 be issued and the proceeds used in enlarging the school house on the corner of Bloomfield and Ridgewood avenues, and purchase a plot on Bloomfield avenue from High street to Hillside avenue for recreation grounds. It is also proposed to sell the school lot in Hillside avenue.

The following letter is from a resident of the borough in relation to school matters there:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The residents of the south end of the borough of Glen Ridge are very much interested in the proposed issue of bonds to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars to build an addition to the present school. Give us a square deal on this question of school accommodation. Our little ones have to walk a long way four times a day, and when the weather is bad they often are kept at home, while others who live near the school are able to attend and get the benefit of that day's lessons which ours lose.

Divide the amount of the proposed bond issue in two parts and give us a primary school that will accommodate the children for the first three or four years, and give the residents of the north end the same. Prospective buyers of building lots like to locate their homes near a school, and the increase in the number of houses built at the north and south ends of the borough in the near future will add greatly to taxable property and to the taxes accordingly.

The centre of the borough has the park and the present school, and the library and the post-office, and everything else in the way of special features, and there is no very great harm in asking the voters of the borough to have a little regard for us who do not ask for much, only a SQUARE DEAL.

Berkeley School Operetta.

The following is the cast of parts of the operetta, "The Mystic Midgets," which will be rendered in the Berkeley School assembly hall on March 22, at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M., and March 23, at 8 P. M., for the library fund of the Berkeley School:

Cast of Characters.

Prince Obdillous, Ruler of the Mystic Midgets, James B. Ord.
Commodore, of the Mystic Ship Phantom, Paul Day.

From the Nations.

Uncle Sam, America, - Bryan Robinson.
John Bull, England, - Robert Sternberger.
Terrence McGinty, Ireland, - William Raab.
Rob Roy, Scotland, - Raymond Ellor.
Karl Von Krause, Germany, - George Stumpf.
Policeman, Same Everywhere, - Stephen Betts.
Carlos Zorilla, Spain, - Harry Beardsley.
Gaetanio Bananio, Italy, - Harvey Baizle.
Count Pierre Coutard, France, - Arthur Pilch.
Major Do-Little, Military Commander, - James Lobel.
Ivan Ipanhoff, Russian, - Edward Pettit.
Not Worth a Cent, Indian, - William Lobel.
Hop Sing, The Mystics' Washee Washee, - William Schofield.
Tiko, Japan, - Walter Ellor.
Two Little Coons, The Pullman Pets.
Sambo, - Alan Martin.
Quimbo, - Raymond Walker.
Uglio, the Ogre, - Albert Longdon.

Gnomes in the service of Uglio.

Pick, - John Walker.
Nick, - Donald Freeman.
Trick, - Harold Betts.
Slick, - George Samuel.
Sick, - Chauncey Baizle.
Quick, - Harry Smith.
Stinger, King of the Insects, - Harry Greder.
Titania, Queen of the Fairies, - Rebecca Ord.

Wee Attendants of the Queen.

Tinymite, - Ruth Betts.
Tiddlewink, - Alice Stumpf.
Psyche, Queen's Companion, the embodiment of Love, - Alice Chenoweth.

The Tiny Butterfly Guards.

Silverwing, - Grace Beardsley.
Bluespray, - Ruth Bowker.
Lightfoot, - Phebe Heckel.
Tippytoes, - Stella Harrison.

The Queen's Archer Cadets.

Sparkle, - Gertrude Lauffer.
Everbright, - Sadie Nicoll.
Spottilla, - Clara Ingold.
Rainbow, - Helen Brady.
Roseleaf, - Myrtle Charles.
Goldenhue, - Jessie Smith.

The Queen's Favorites.

Violet, - Jennie Edwards.
Silverspray, - Florence Hester.
Goldenrod, - Louise Legros.
Buttercup, - Ruth Robertson.
Amazons and Archers: Helen Miller, Emma Maxfield, Katharine Donaldson, Signi Malgren, Lauretta Cole, Mollie Johnson and Annie Harrison.

Musical Treat.

The special services which have attracted such wide attention at the First Congregational Church, Montclair, every Sunday afternoon are still being continued with particularly marked progress. The committee announces for next Sunday, March 18, a rich musical treat, and the trained choir will be assisted by Mrs. Adele L. Baldwin, the soprano of the Marble Collegiate Church choir, New York. Mrs. Baldwin was heard in Montclair during the Bach festival, and all who have had the pleasure of listening to her will look forward with keen anticipation to hearing her again. Like all former services, this is entirely free, and there are no reserved seats.

Canal Inquiry.

Assemblyman Evins on Tuesday brought the question of Morris canal abandonment into the limelight by the presentation of a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, requesting the Attorney-General to forthwith institute proceedings to ascertain what equity the State holds under the "tidewater basin act of 1867," and by what authority the Morris canal is now operated by the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Board of Health.

The annual meeting of the Board of Health was held Thursday night. This meeting had been looked forward to with much expectancy on account of appointments to be made. Several stories had been published in Newark papers about serious divisions among the members of the board over the appointments. The stories were all aimed at Mr. Gilbert and appeared to be inspired. In so far as the outsider could discern Thursday night there was nothing in the action of the board to warrant any stories of friction. The appointments were all made by unanimous vote and without comment. All the members of the board were present, namely, Dr. E. M. Ward, James J. Thompson, William A. Ritscher, Jr., Harry White and Charles A. Keyler.

Inspector Gilbert made his usual formal monthly report of the matters he had attended to since the previous meeting of the board, and also of the new complaints that had been received. The inspector's report included a statement as to the general public health and also the chemist's analysis of the water supply.

After passing upon numerous bills the board of 1905-06 adjourned and the board of 1906-07 organized by electing Dr. E. M. Ward chairman.

On motion of Mr. Ritscher, seconded by Mr. Thompson, Wm. L. Johnson was appointed clerk at a salary of $600 per annum. Mr. Johnson was also appointed Registrar of Vital Statistics.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ritscher, Charles H. Halfpenny was appointed attorney for the board; salary $150.

The term of office of the above appointees of the board is to January 1, 1907.

On motion of Mr. Keyler, seconded by Mr. White, Seymour P. Gilbert was appointed Health Board Inspector to May 1st; salary $780.

The matter of the appointment of a chemist to the board was referred to the Sanitary Committee—Ritscher and Thompson. It has been found upon inquiry by the Sanitary Committee that several towns in this State, some of them larger than Bloomfield, take advantage of the free services of the State Board of Health in matters that some places pay a chemist to look after. The State Board of Health makes analysis of water supply free of charge, and also analysis of cultures in cases of contagious diseases. Speedy reports can be obtained from the State board by telegraph and in the case of those places that now avail themselves of the State board's services the telegraph company makes no charge for telegrams.

The Sanitary Committee proposes to make full inquiry into this matter and report to the board. It has been found by the Sanitary Committee that the Newark Board of Health will analyze cultures at a cost of fifty cents each.

Mr. White brought to the attention of the board a new disinfectant for use in cases of contagious diseases. Formaldehide, Mr. White said, was a cause of some complaint on account of its damaging effects upon furniture and carpets, but the new disinfectant was not open to that criticism. The matter was referred to the Sanitary Committee to make further investigation of the subject and report at a future meeting of the board.

President Ward named the following committees: Sanitary—J. J. Thompson and W. A. Ritscher, Jr.; finance—Harry White and Ritscher; contagious diseases—C. A. Keyler and Thompson; complaints—Ritscher and White; food and drink—Keyler and Thompson.

Registrar of vital statistics William L. Johnson submitted his annual report for the year ending March 15, 1906, and was as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Scarlet fever,	36	1
Diphtheria,	12	2
Smallpox.	1	
Chickenpox,	14	
Measles,	64	
Typhoid fever,	6	1
All other causes,		150
Totals,	133	154

The above statistics show a low percentage of death rate in the town.

The Secretary of the Board read the financial report of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne. It was as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 15, 1905,	$ 42 17
Appropriation,	2,000.00
Special appropriation for smallpox,	725.00
Filing plumbing plans,	122.00
Scavenger licenses,	27.00
Fine,	5.00
Work Done,	13.50
Total,	$2,934.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements,	$2,629.06
Balance,	305.61
Total,	$2,934.67

During the year 1904 the Board expended $3,278 45, in the year 1905 $2,461.93, and in 1906 $2 629.06, which amount includes $725 for smallpox, leaving $1,904 expended for regular Board purposes.

Basket-Ball.

The choir boys of Christ Church defeated the choir boys of St. Paul's Church on the latter's court last Monday evening by a score of 25 to 4. The boys who play on Christ Church team are: Charles Fear, centre; Edwin Rayner, left-forward; Jerry Deihagen, right-forward; Victor Bleeker, left-guard; Louis Gennin, right-guard; Mr. Harry Furze, manager.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC COMPANY COMING HERE.

Will Move Its New York City Plant to Watsessing—Other Rumors of Industrial Development—General Effect of the New Enterprise.

The proposed addition to the industrial plants of this town is a branch of the world-famous Westinghouse Electric Company. That company is the purchaser of the tract of property bounded by the Lackawanna and Erie railroads and Arlington and Clearfield avenues. The Westinghouse Company now has a large plant in Twenty-third street, New York city, known as the Electric Light Works, and it is this plant that the company proposes to move to this town.

Railway sidings are to be run on to the property by both the Lackawanna and the Erie railroads. The grading necessary for these railway sidings and in preparing the ground for the large factory buildings will cost about $20,000. The buildings and machinery equipment will represent an outlay of about three-quarters of a million dollars.

A representative of the Westinghouse Company says that the new factory will be a model one, both in its internal and external appointments.

In addition to its New York plant there is some talk of the Westinghouse Company moving its Newark plant to its Bloomfield property. With branches of the Westinghouse and the General Electric, the two great electric companies of the world, located at Watsessing, that place is destined to assume an importance in manufacturing circles.

Some of the General Electric Company's men (Sprague Electric Company) say that their plant will not be in a second place with the Westinghouse for any length of time, as there is now necessity for an enlargement of the Sprague works, and when the enlargement is made it will be on an extensive scale. The General Electric Company has a New York city plant that it is said will in time be moved to the company's Bloomfield property.

Another large industry is in quest of a site in Watsessing, and has offered a higher price for the property purchased by the Westinghouse Company than that company paid.

The Westinghouse Company employs, it is said, about one thousand hands in its New York factory, and many of them are now residents of this State. There is much speculation as to what effect the advent of the company here is going to have on the house-building business. At present there are no vacant houses in Watsessing, and all opportunities for renting places are eagerly seized. It is likely that a house-building boom will follow the new factory.

The Sprague Electric Company now employs 380 people in its Watsessing plant, which is the largest number of hands since the days of the London (England) underground railway job, when more than 1,000 hands were employed.

The Westinghouse project is going to have an important effect in many ways in the southern part of the town. It will probably result in a reformation in railway station accommodations. It will also enhance the value of property available for store purposes. It will likewise have a political effect, in that it will occasion shortly the creation of another election district in the Third Ward. The Second District of that ward now has a registry of 600 votes. Whenever that number of votes are polled the district will be divided.

The Board of Education will have to give consideration to the possibly large addition to the population in its plans for providing more school room.

The saloon question may also come in for consideration.

Bank Changes.

Frederick W. Piderit, who for the past nine years has been a popular employee of the People's Bank of East Orange, has resigned to take the position of cashier at the Ridgewood Bank of Brooklyn. He expects to make his home in that city.

This is the second time a paying teller of the People's Bank has gone to be a cashier of a city bank, the former case being that of Spencer Marsh. It shows the opportunities of advancement in a country bank are greater than is usually attributed to them.

Mr. Piderit's place will be taken by Frank Ferguson.

Commendable.

Bishop Lines of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, at a recent meeting of a missionary society of his denomination in Newark, made public his request that all soliciting from storekeepers for goods for fairs and entertainments should be stopped. Local tradesmen admire the wisdom of Bishop Lines in giving this decree, and are with him, heart and soul, in this movement. They will doubtless do their best to help him carry out his order, probably with even more alacrity and zest than will the ladies of the various parishes of his diocese.